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Prominent corner cleared of trees and brush; retailer needed

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A clearing of trees and brush on a prominent Yukon street corner signifies more retail development – and progress for the community.



Rick Opitz

Developer Rick Opitz of ODB Investors recently purchased 6.97 acres at the northwest corner of Main Street (SH-66) and Garth Brooks Boulevard. The property is being marketed for sale by Mike Geers of Geers Real Estate.

“Several major convenience stores are looking at it,” said Opitz, who also is developing residential and commercial property east of Frisco Road between SH-66 and Interstate 40.

“Whoever acquires the property, I want it to be a sales tax generator that will help the City of Yukon.”

Many people have recently inquired about the site after Opitz had the wooded corner acreage cleared.

“It was so thick you couldn’t walk through it,” Opitz said. “It took about 2-1/2 weeks to clear the trees and brush. We’ve left some large trees as we market the property, but they can be removed as needed.”

Citing Yukon’s construction boon combined with the city’s Main Street rejuvenation project, Opitz believes the SH-66/Main Street corner is a prime site.

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“You just don’t get any better than that location,” he said. “I think it’s going to be a great corner. I want something that will help draw people to our downtown area and help our city grow.

“With all the development west to Frisco Road, whoever purchases that corner will have a very successful business. The Fountains at Frisco Ridge will have more than 250 lots, and we’re getting ready to start the first phase with 90 new homes.”

The City of Yukon plans to develop a new destination park on 252 acres just west of Frisco Road and south of SH-66.

Opitz, a former Yukon City Council member and Chamber of Commerce Board member, says he’s “excited about the future of Yukon and want to do what I can to help!”